



turningthetide

NONVIOLENT POWER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



Hosting a nonviolence workshop

Thank you for enquiring about hosting a Turning the Tide networking nonviolence workshop.

A bit of background

As you may know, Turning the Tide has run two highly successful year-long courses in Friends House, London. Both times we had more applications than available places and some participants travelled long distances, including from other countries. We've had many requests to run the course outside London. This experience suggests there is demand for this work all over the country. And that's where you come in.

Our intention for 2010 is to run 1-day taster workshops in different parts of the country to establish working partnerships with Quaker meetings and local activists. We are keen to help people become more effective in their use of nonviolence for social change **AND** network and connect with activists and concerned citizens. For this reason we ask that the hosts of the workshop represent at least 2 different organisations. This might be a Quaker Meeting and a local chapter of Friends of the Earth or Amnesty, or a homespun peace campaigning group or climate activists.

Where do I start?

You are reading this because you've expressed interest in hosting a networking nonviolence workshop with a view towards exploring the possibility of hosting the whole course at a later date. Remember, it's a 2-part proposal: 1) to help organise a 1-day workshop in 2010 and 2) to evaluate and consider hosting a more comprehensive course at a later date.

Previously this has been a year-long course meeting one Saturday a month, but we have other models to offer such as 4-weekend modules, an 8-day intensive and other models will be considered.

If you, your Meeting or group is considering hosting a workshop, here are some questions to ask yourselves:

- Who are the two (or more ...) groups that will host the workshop?
- Have you visited the Turning the Tide website?
- Have you discussed this with you Meeting/groups to see if there is interest?

Practical stuff

So you've got positive answers to the above questions? Good. Now let's consider some practical stuff.

The Venue

Where will the workshop be held? What sort of space is it? Is there lots of room to move around? Can we easily rearrange the chairs, furniture? What sort of equipment is on hand? Flip chart stand, TV and DVD player? A kitchen?

Public Transport

How accessible is the venue? Is there frequent bus or rail service?

Workshop Themes

Have you taken a look at the 2009 course archive to see what what theme you think would be of most interest to your group?

The workshop we are offering in this series are based on the themes offered as part of our year-long course. These include:

- * introduction to nonviolence
- * campaigning & organizing
- * spirituality & activism
- * personal & political empowerment
- * power & change
- * building the constructive alternative
- * nonviolent direct action
- * group process

See the course archive on our website for more information:
www.turning-the-tide.org/archive2009

Recruiting Participants and Publicity

How many people from your groups will join the workshop? What is your publicity and recruitment strategy going to be? We can work with you to develop one if need be. But we are counting on you to recruit the participants since we think you know your area best. We require that you have 12 confirmed participants at least one week before the date of the workshop.

Hosting the Training Team

Is someone from your group able to host the training team if they need overnight accommodation? Or can you arrange for them to have somewhere to stay? How will you be able to pay the training team's travel expenses? Workshop fees can off-set this expense.

Contact Turning the Tide

So you've also got answers or some thoughts about the above questions? That's great, now it's time to get in touch with Turning the Tide to talk n greater detail. Call, email or send a letter:

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